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"Combating Illicit Wildlife Trafficking"

ARTICLES & REPORTS

"The Role of Thailand in the International Trade in CITES-Listed Live Reptiles and Amphibians"
[Vincent Nijman](#) and Chris R. Shepherd. *PLoS One* **6(3): e17825**, March 2011, 7 pages.

As increasingly exotic amphibians and reptiles are sold as pets in Thailand, the authors examine the commercial trade in non-native reptiles and amphibians into Thailand. The levels of trade in wild-caught and captive-bred specimens and the credibility of the captive-breeding claims are discussed.

Full article is currently available at:
<http://goo.gl/gRF08>



"The Disappearing Act: The Illicit Trade in Wildlife in Asia"

[Vanda Felbab-Brown](#). *Brookings Working Paper#6*, June 2011, 43 pages.

Southeast Asia is rapidly becoming one of the world's wildlife trade hotspots, despite the enormous threat this illicit activity poses to the area's biodiversity and species preservation. The author, a Brookings expert on illicit economies and international and internal conflicts, offers a broad-set policy recommendations that form a regulatory structure to counteract the detrimental effects of this market and enhance conservation.

Full paper is currently available at:
<http://goo.gl/cR6fZ> [PDF format; 366KB]

"Ivory Worship"

[Bryan Christy](#). *National Geographic*, October 2012, 14 pages.

Thousands of elephants die each year so that their tusks can be carved into religious objects. Can the slaughter be stopped? The author discusses how religion plays a role in the problem of ivory trafficking and the future of elephants.

Full article is currently available at:
<http://goo.gl/SRKPC>



“Fighting Illicit Wildlife Trafficking: A Consultation with Governments”

WWF/Dalberg. December 2012, 36 pages.

What is the scale and what are the implications of illicit wildlife trafficking? Why does it matter to society and how should the different actors respond going forward? Based on a series of interviews with government representatives and relevant international organizations, this report summarizes their views on illicit wildlife trafficking and details its unprecedented scale and global implications.

Full report is currently available at: <http://goo.gl/HgU3L> [PDF format; 1.9MB]

WEB RESOURCES

FREELAND

<http://freeland.org>

FREELAND Foundation is an international organization dedicated to stopping human and wildlife trafficking. Founded in 2000 and previously known as WildAid Foundation (Thailand) and PeunPa Foundation, the foundation works in partnership with governments, communities, corporations, and other NGOs worldwide.

CAWT

<http://www.cawtglobal.org>

The Coalition Against Wildlife Trafficking (CAWT) aims to focus public and political attention and resources on ending the illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products. Initiated in 2005, CAWT is a unique voluntary public-private coalition of like-minded governments and organizations sharing a common purpose.

CITES

<http://www.cites.org>

CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) is an international agreement between governments which aims to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival.

TRAFFIC

<http://www.traffic.org>

Established in 1976, TRAFFIC, the wildlife trade monitoring network, works to ensure that trade in wild plants and animals is not a threat to the conservation of nature.

WWF

<http://www.worldwildlife.org>

WWF (World Wildlife Fund) is one of the world's largest and most experienced independent conservation organizations, with over 5 million supporters and a global network active in more than 100 countries.

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AUDIO BOOK

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Hiaasen, Carl.

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When the difficult star of the reality television show "Expedition Survival" disappears while filming an episode in the Florida Everglades using animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Crane's family, Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him while avoiding Tuna's gun-happy father.

BOOK

Conservation Directory, 2005-2006: The Guide to Worldwide Environmental Organizations

National Wildlife Federation

Call Number: 333.95 CON 2005

The most comprehensive listing of conservation and environmental organizations published with information on more than 4,000 government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and colleges and universities, as well as more than 18,000 officials concerned with environmental conservation, education, and natural resource use and management.

DVD

National Parks Collection

Armstrong, Brian

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Explores the beauty, dangers, and uniqueness of American national parks, which includes Yosemite, Yellowstone, Denali, the Everglades, Death Valley, Grand Canyon, and locations in Hawaii; and discusses the wildlife, landscapes, and other related topics.

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